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FROM NEA/IRN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, IR

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: ICJ REQUEST RE GOI PRACTICE

1. BILL BUTLER HAS REPORT FROM GENEVA ICJ HEADQUARTERS
WHICH RELATES DIRECTLY TO A HIGH PRIORITY ICJ INTEREST:
FREE ACCESS OF IRANIAN DEFENDANTS IN STATE SECURITY CASES
TO CIVILIAN COUNSEL.

2. ICJ REPORTS THAT TWO QUOTE UELL-KNOWN UNQUOTE CIVILIAN
LAWYERS, MESSRS. LAHIDJI AND SADR (FIRST NAMES NOT RE-
PORTED) WERE RECENTLY DENIED AUTHORIZATION BY THE RELEVANT
MILITARY COMMISSION TO PLEAD FOR SOME UNNAMED DEFENDANTS
BEFORE MILITARY COURT. UNDER RECENT CODE AMENDMENTS, THAT
AUTHORIZATION IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE DESIGNATED LAWYER CAN
TAKE ANY ACTION.

3. BUTLER COMMENTED THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING ON BASIS OF
HIS PREVIOUS TEHRAN CONVERSATIONS WAS THAT AUTHORIZATIONS
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WOULD BE ISSUED WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WHETHER THIS DENIAL OF PERMISSION DID ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE
AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT RECENT INFORMATION BEFORE HIS DE-
PARTURE FOR TEHRAN ON APRIL 29. CHRISTOPHER

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